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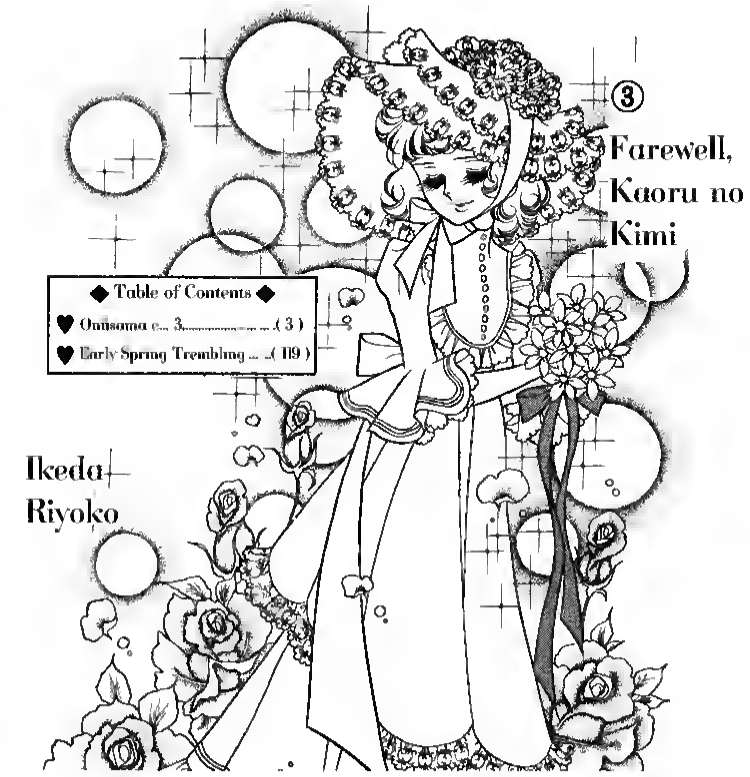

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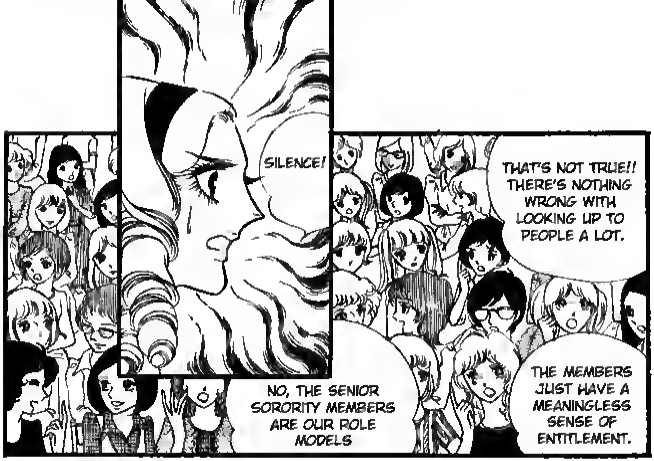
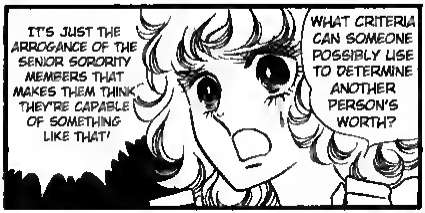
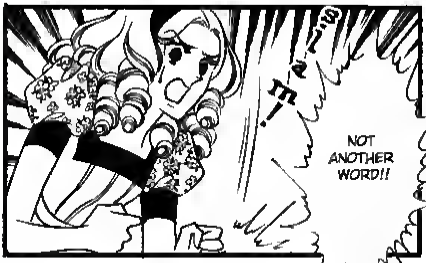
A TRAD-ITION?
LIKE THE SLAVE TRADE?
TH-... THE SLAVE TRADE?!
THAT'S RIGHT!! YOU'RE PUTTING PRICE TAGS ON PEOPLE!!
YOU'RE TELLING THESE GIRLS THAT THEY'RE SPECIAL HIGH-QUALITY ITEMS,
THAT THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM EVERYONE ELSE...
SO SOCIETY WILL BUY THEM AT HIGH PRICES.
I... I THINK SHE'S RIGHT!
AND THOSE RIDICULOUS SUPERIORITY COMPLEXES ARE THE REASON THAT SO MANY NEW STUDENTS HURT EACH OTHER EVERY YEAR!!
WE'RE BEING MANIP-ULATED BY AN OUT-DATED CLASS SYSTEM...


SILENCE!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH LOOKING UP TO PEOPLE A LOT.
NO, THE SENIOR SORORITY MEMBERS ARE OUR ROLE MODELS
THE MEMBERS JUST HAVE A MEANINGLESS SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT.


IT'S JUST THE ARROGANCE OF THE SENIOR SORORITY MEMBERS THAT MAKES THEM THINK THEY'RE CAPABLE OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
WHAT CRITERIA CAN SOMEONE POSSIBLY USE TO DETERMINE ANOTHER PERSON'S WORTH?


NOT ANOTHER WORD!!

TELL ME,
WHY IS THE SORORITY NECESSARY?!

I SUGGEST WE REPLACE THE PRESIDENT!
I MOVE THAT SHE BE REPLACED BY SOMEONE WITH NO TIES TO THE SORORITY WHATSO-EVER.
WE CANNOT EXPECT OUR CURRENT PRES-IDENT TO REMAIN CALM DURING DISCUSSION OF THIS PARTICULAR TOPIC
RE-...I. .
WE CAN-NOT ..

I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BRING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AND STAFF, AND ALLOW THEM TO DECIDE
WE CANNOT SETTLE THIS ISSUE ON OUR OWN.
Ohhh!
Ohhh!
Ohhh!
Ohhh!
THEN WE'LL
START A PETITION TO REQUEST THAT THE SORORITY BE ABOLISHED!
...VERY WELL.
IF YOU REALLY THINK THAT WILL BE ENOUGH TO BREAK AWAY FROM LONG YEARS OF TRADITION.....
I WILL NOW PROCEED WITH THE NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS.

SQUEAL SQUEAL
DID YOU HEAR?!
KAORU NO KIMI AND ST-JUST-SAMA ARE COLLECTING SIGNATURES TO ASK THE SCHOOL TO ABOLISH THE SORORITY
BUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MIYA-SAMA, MONA LISA NO KIMI, AND MISS BORGIA THEN?!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
NO! I DON'T WANT THE SORORITY TO DISAPPEAR! I'M TOTALLY AGAINST IT!
THAT'S RIGHT THAT'S RIGHT!
THAT INCIDENT BETWEEN SHINOBU-SAN AND MISAKI-SAN WAS BECAUSE OF THE SORORITY, THOUGH.
AS I SAID DURING THE ASSEMBLY,
I DON'T THINK THE SORORITY SHOULD EXIST. WE'RE ALL FELLOW SEIRAN STUDENTS
IF YOU AGREE, PLEASE SIGN HERE.

EVERY SINGLE SIGNATURE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
I BELIEVE THAT IF YOU GET ENOUGH OF THEM TOGETHER, THEY CAN BECOME A MASSIVE FORCE CAPABLE OF EFFECTING CHANGE.
chatter
chatter
BUT... WELL...
I DOUBT A PETITION IS GOING TO CONVINCE THE SCHOOL BOARD...
SKRIK!
THANK YOU, KAORU NO KIMI .....
LIKE .. THIS?

I... WILL, TOO...
I'LL SIGN, TOO!
I... I THINK THE SORORITY SHOULD BE ABOLISHED, TOO.
WHAT? WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
OH, AND YOUR WRITING DOESN'T NEED TO BE NEAT AS LONG AS THEY CAN READ IT.
YES, YOU JUST NEED TO WRITE YOUR NAME RIGHT THERE
EEK! DON'T PUSH! I'M NEXT.

YOU DON'T NEED A "SORORITY" PRICE TAG ON YOU—YOU'RE PRETTY ENOUGH ALREADY. PLEASE, COME SIGN.
HEY, LOVELY ONEE-SAMA!
MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR OWN POSITION FIRST BEFORE YOU GO INSULTING OTHER PEOPLE!
!!
bam!
MY... MY GOODNESS! WHAT IS ALL THIS FUSS? FIRST THAT INCIDENT,
AND NOW A STUDENT PETITION?!
CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN AT ONCE AND HAVE HIM CALL A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.
MIYA-SAMA, WHAT SHOULD WE DO? MIYA-SAMA!
THAT'S RIGHT, MIYA-SAMA. DON'T GIVE UP!
WE'RE ALL ON YOUR SIDE!
HOW DISGRACEFUL! WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF? WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF NEARLY ALL OF THE UNDER-CLASSMEN!

DON'T LEAVE SEIRAN
MARI-KO-SAN,
OH. SO KAORU NO KIMI AND ST-JUST-SAMA DID THAT...
COME BACK TO OUR CLASS AFTER YOUR SUSPENSION IS OVER.
I WILL IF I CAN I WANT TO...
BECAUSE, IF NOTHING ELSE..... YOU'RE THERE!

.....?
OH! I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.
IT'S A NOVEL...
MY FATHER WROTE A LONG TIME AGO
IT'S FROM... A LONG, LONG TIME AGO,
ICHINOMIYA-SAN...
TAKASHI-SAN HAPPENED TO HAVE A COPY, SO HE BROUGHT IT TO SHOW ME.
WHEN HIS WORK WASN'T SELLING AND HE COULDN'T EVEN MANAGE TO PAY THE RENT...
IT WAS RIGHT AFTER HE AND MY MOTHER FIRST MET AND FELL IN LOVE, WHEN THEY MOVED IN TOGETHER...

ONCE UPON A TIME, MY FATHER WROTE A LOVELY, AMAZING NOVEL.
READ IT...
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL NOVEL. MY FATHER PUT ALL OF HIS YOUTHFUL LIFE INTO IT, AND HE SUFFERED FOR HIS WORK.
IN THE END, HE COULDN'T ACHIEVE HIS DREAM, EVEN THOUGH HE POURED ALL OF HIS YOUTHFUL ENERGY INTO IT.
HE DIDN'T WANT TO WRITE EROTICA. LITERATURE HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS TRUE PASSION...
I'M... TRULY... HAPPY...
BUT I'M DELIRIOUSLY HAPPY NOW THAT I KNOW
THAT MY FATHER REALLY WROTE A BEAUTIFUL NOVEL LIKE THIS.

COME SIGN A PETITION TO ABOLISH THE SORORITY!
LET'S GET RID OF THIS MEANINGLESS PRIVILEGED GROUP...
LET'S GET RID OF THE SORORITY.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE.. I THOUGHT, "THANK YOU, GOD."
sob sob sob...
COME SIGN A PETITION TO REQUEST THAT THE SORORITY BE ABOLISHED!
GO AHEAD AND TRY.
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT, JUST GO AHEAD AND TRY, RIFFRAFF!!
M— MIYA-SAMA!! IT'S TERRIBLE! MONA LISA NO KIMI—
tsud tsud
KOMABAYASHI-SAN — HAS SIGNED THE PETITION TO ABOLISH THE SORORITY..
WHAT?!
MIYA-SAMA!! MEDUSA NO KIMI AND VAMPANELLA NO KIMI HAVE SIGNED TOO!
MIYA-SAMAAA!
MIYA-SAMAAA!

MY PURPOSE IN LIFE!!
BUT MY PRIDE!!
FUKIKO-SAMA..
HOW IMPRESSIVE. YOU CERTAINLY SEEM TO BE COLLECTING PLENTY OF SIGNATURES.
BASTARD CHILD!!
ALI... GH!!
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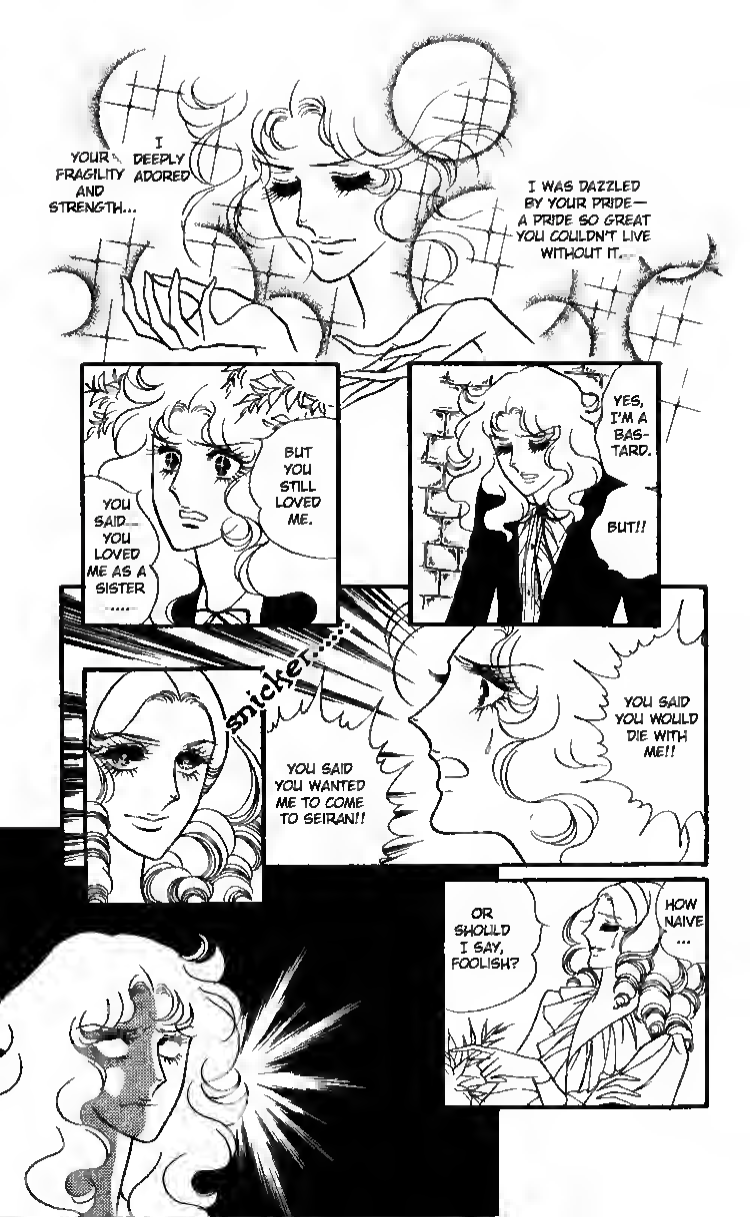
L
S

Pant
Pant
Pant
HOW DARE YOU... HOW DARE YOU...!
YOU'RE JUST A LOVE CHILD...
AND ONCE WASN'T ENOUGH FOR YOU, WAS IT? YOU'VE DONE IT TWICE... TWICE!!
YOU KNOW THAT I WOULD RATHER DIE THAN HAVE IT DAMAGED. DOES THAT MEAN NOTHING TO YOU?
HOW IMPORTANT MY PRIDE IS TO ME.
YOU KNOW

YOU BASTARD CHILD!!
HOW COULD YOU?!! I'M NOT THE ONE YOU SHOULD HATE,
YES, I'M A BAST-ARD...
OH... OH, BUT...
YOUR BEAUTY AND NOBILITY... SO MUCH...
I KNEW FROM A YOUNG AGE THAT WE SHARED THE SAME FATHER, AND I LOVED AND ADMIRED...
I LOVED YOU... FUKIKO-SAMA.


YOUR FRAGILITY AND STRENGTH...
I DEEPLY ADORED
I WAS DAZZLED BY YOUR PRIDE— A PRIDE SO GREAT YOU COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT.
YES, I'M A BAS-TARD.
BUT!!
BUT YOU STILL LOVED ME.
YOU SAID— YOU LOVED ME AS A SISTER .....
snicker...
YOU SAID YOU WOULD DIE WITH ME!!
YOU SAID YOU WANTED ME TO COME TO SEIRAN!!
OR SHOULD I SAY, FOOLISH?
HOW NAIVE ...

HERE'S A LITTLE TIDBIT FOR YOU!
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I'VE KEPT YOU BY MY SIDE?
IT WAS BECAUSE YOU FUELED MY SENSE OF SUPERIORITY!!
ME... ME...?! PLEASE DON'T INSULT ME LIKE THAT!!
ME... LOVE YOU...?!
UGH! HOW REPULSIVE!! DID YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE I LOVED AND ACCEPTED YOU AS A SISTER?!
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU DESERVED TO BE TREATED LIKE A NORMAL HUMAN BEING?!
FUKIKO-SA-... MA...?!

I LIKED LOOKING AT YOU—IT FELT GOOD.
YOU WERE SO VULGAR,
SO UN-SIGHT-LY.
YOU WERE SO PATHETIC THAT YOU HONESTLY THOUGHT A DECENT PERSON COULD EVER LOVE YOU.
DO YOU THINK THAT BY DEST-ROYING THE SORORITY... YOU'VE WON? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH
YOU WERE BELOW ME!! YOUR BLOOD WAS BASER THAN MINE!!
YES!! LOOKING AT YOU SENT SHIVERS OF JOY AND PRIDE THROUGH ME!!
I WANTED TO KEEP YOU BY MY SIDE FOREVER!!

ST-JUST-SAMA, I'LL GO GET MORE BLANK PAGES FOR THE PETITION.
ST-JUST-SAMAAAA!
WOW! OVER HALF OF THE STUDENT BODY MUST HAVE SIGNED.
I HEARD WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT IT AT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TOMORROW.
Y-....YES. THIS IS ALL WE HAVE SO FAR.
tremble
tremble
tremble

REI.
I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU'D GOT TO. WHAT DID YOU JUST TAKE?
T-... TRAN-QUIL-IZERS ....
I THOUGHT YOU STOPPED ALL THAT.
I HAVE TO.
SOMETIMES I HAVE TO TAKE SOMETHING.
NANAKO-SAAAN, OVER HERE!
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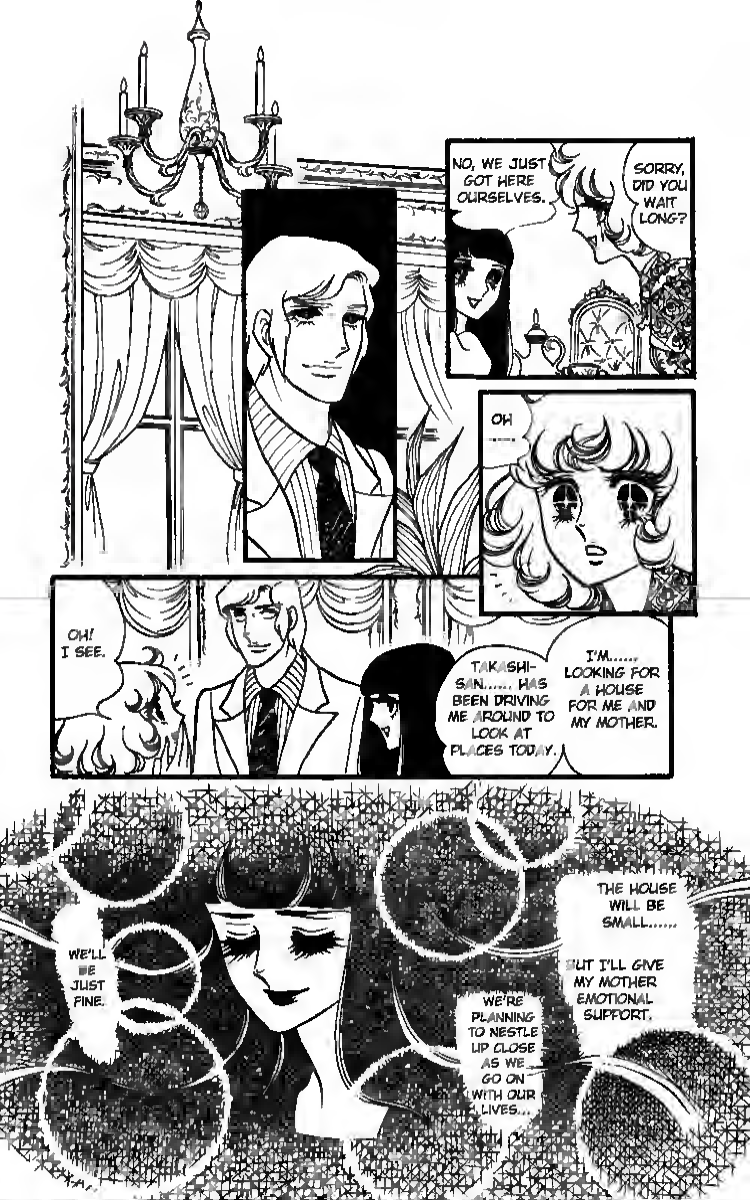
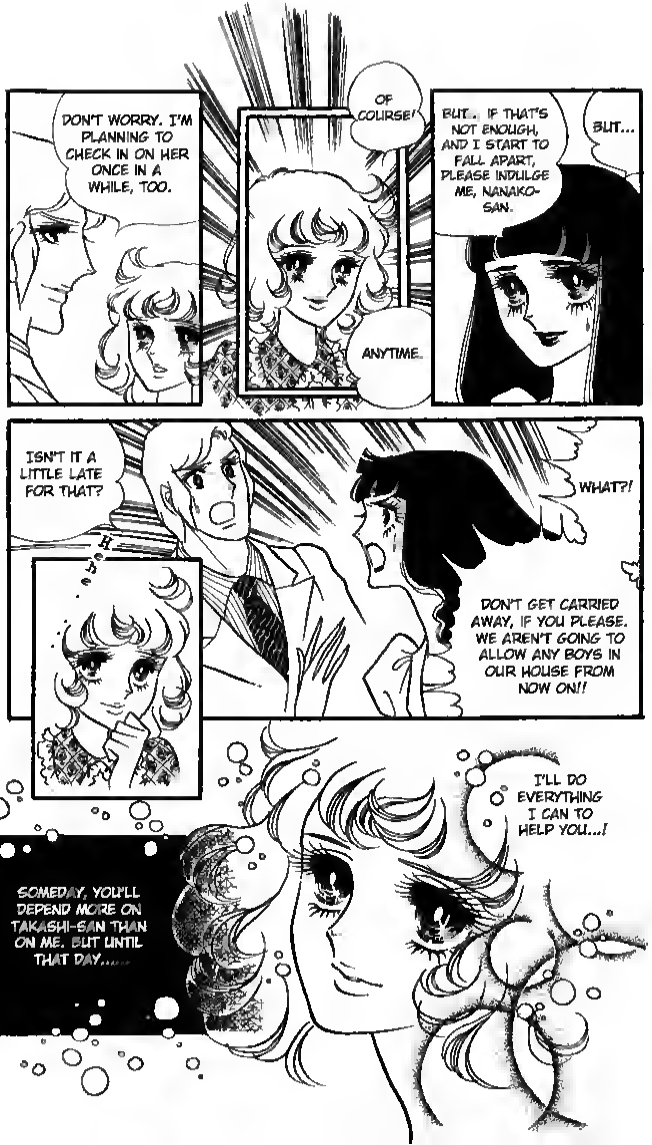

SORRY, DID YOU WAIT LONG?
NO, WE JUST GOT HERE OURSELVES.
OH .....
I'M..... LOOKING FOR A HOUSE FOR ME AND MY MOTHER.
TAKASHI-SAN..... HAS BEEN DRIVING ME AROUND TO LOOK AT PLACES TODAY.
OH! I SEE.
THE HOUSE WILL BE SMALL.....
BUT I'LL GIVE MY MOTHER EMOTIONAL SUPPORT.
WE'RE PLANNING TO NESTLE UP CLOSE AS WE GO ON WITH OUR LIVES...
WE'LL BE JUST FINE.


DON'T WORRY. I'M PLANNING TO CHECK IN ON HER ONCE IN A WHILE, TOO.
OF COURSE!
ANYTIME.
BUT... IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, AND I START TO FALL APART, PLEASE INDULGE ME, NANAKO-SAN.
BUT...
ISN'T IT A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT?
WHAT?!
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY, IF YOU PLEASE. WE AREN'T GOING TO ALLOW ANY BOYS IN OUR HOUSE FROM NOW ON!!
I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP YOU...!
SOMEDAY, YOU'LL DEPEND MORE ON TAKASHI-SAN THAN ON ME. BUT UNTIL THAT DAY.....

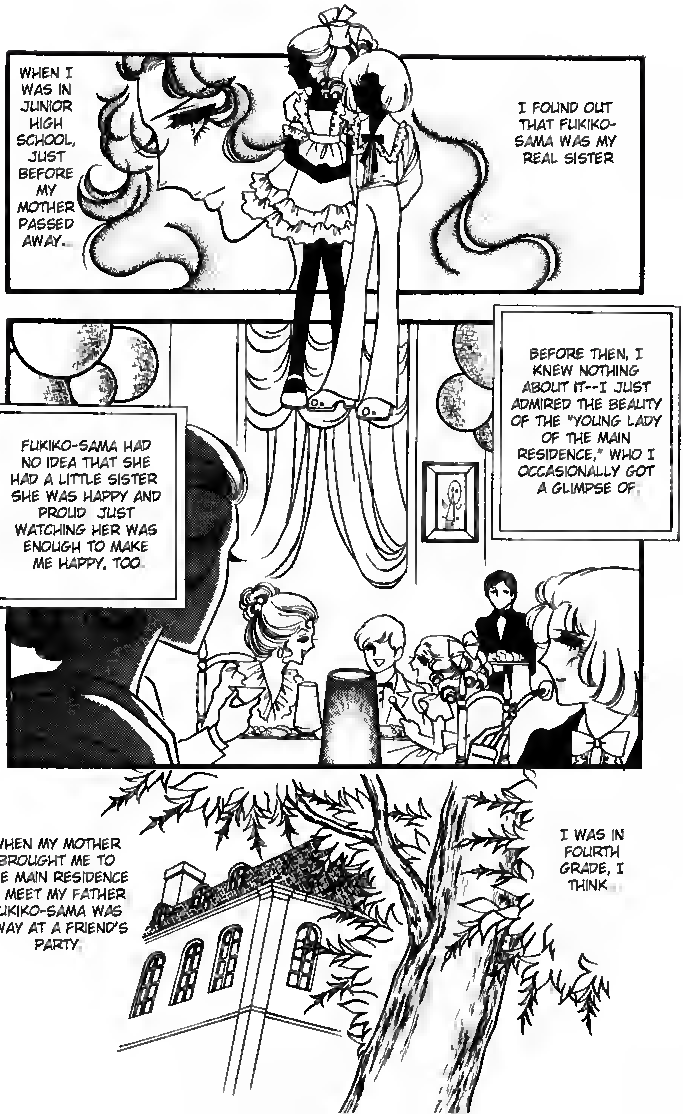
ding
dooong
ST-
JUST-
SAM
.....?!

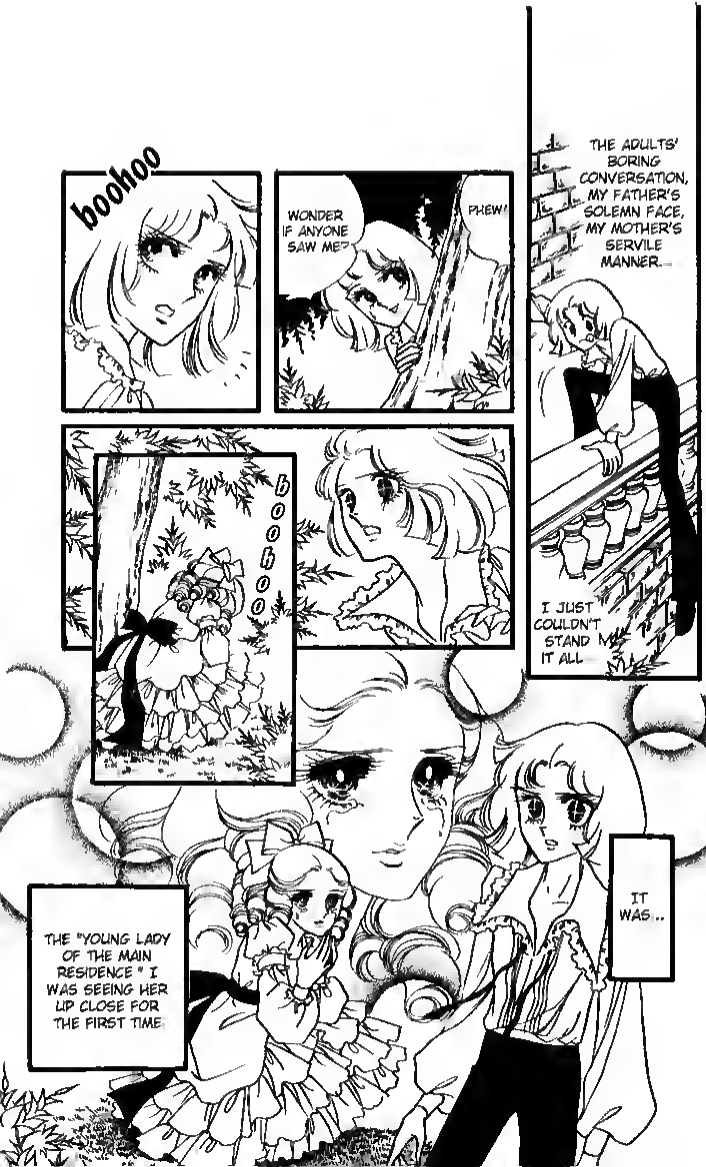
GOOD... EVENING...
U-... UM...
OH! COME IN... UH...
ARE YOU FREE NOW? I'D LIKE YOU TO COME TO THE PARK WITH ME.
THE PARK ?
Y-... YES. THE PARK. PLEASE WAIT... A MOMENT. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK...
THE WIND IS SO CALM AND LOVELY NOW
SUMMER MUST BE HERE...

ST-JUST-SAMA...
POU-PÉE-...CHAN...?
THIS... IS FOR YOU.
OH...
GET ON.
ST-JUST-SAMA...
TAKE IT...
I SLEPT WITH IT EVERY NIGHT...

MY BIG SISTER..
YOU KNOW, I GOT THAT DOLL
FROM FUKI-KO-SAMA.
CLOCK
CLOCK
CLOCK
WE SHARE THE SAME BLOOD...
MY ONE REAL SISTER, IN ALL THE WORLD...
HUH...?
BUT WE AREN'T JUST HALF-SISTERS.
SHE DOESN'T KNOW THIS,
FUKIKO-SAMA IS MY REAL SISTER...

BUT WE HAD THE SAME MOTHER. FUKIKO-SAMA IS MY BIG SISTER.
THE FAMILY TOOK HER IN RIGHT AFTER SHE WAS BORN,
THEN THAT... MEANS...
YES...


WHEN I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, JUST BEFORE MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY...
I FOUND OUT THAT FUKIKO-SAMA WAS MY REAL SISTER
BEFORE THEN, I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT--I JUST ADMIRED THE BEAUTY OF THE "YOUNG LADY OF THE MAIN RESIDENCE," WHO I OCCASIONALLY GOT A GLIMPSE OF.
FUKIKO-SAMA HAD NO IDEA THAT SHE HAD A LITTLE SISTER SHE WAS HAPPY AND PROUD JUST WATCHING HER WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME HAPPY, TOO.
WHEN MY MOTHER BROUGHT ME TO THE MAIN RESIDENCE TO MEET MY FATHER FUKIKO-SAMA WAS AWAY AT A FRIEND'S PARTY.
I WAS IN FOURTH GRADE, I THINK.

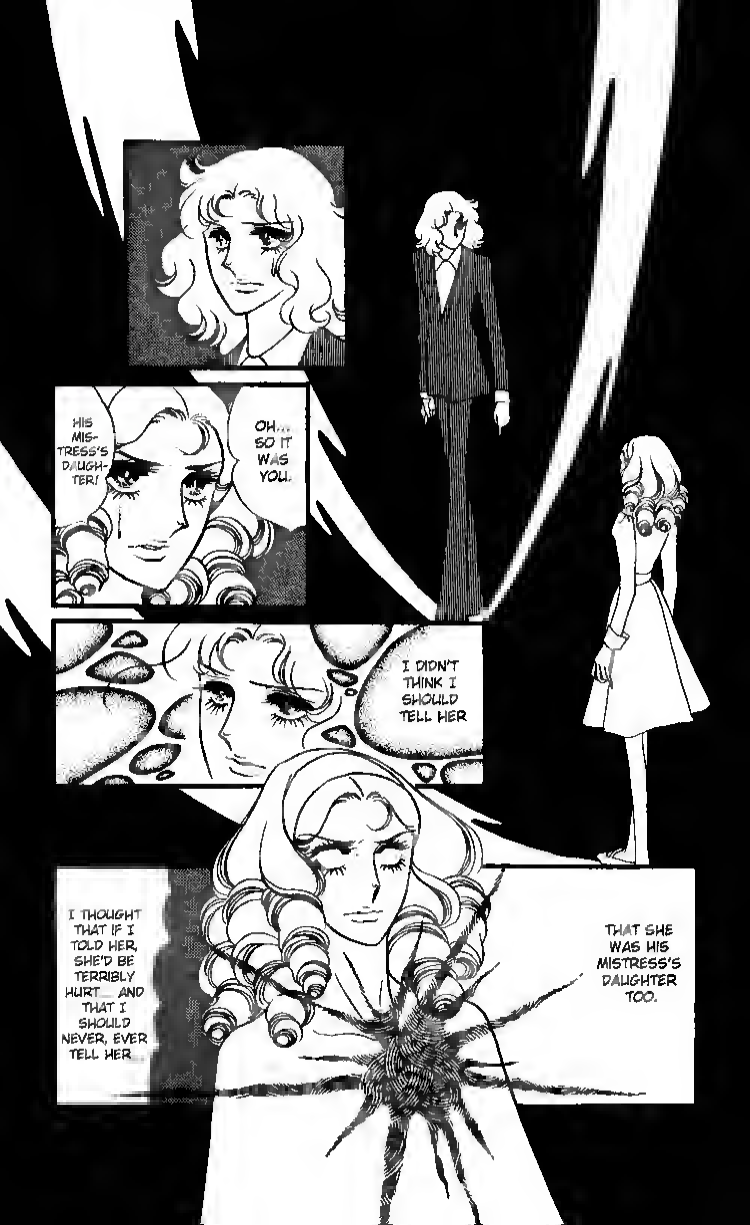

THE ADULTS' BORING CONVERSATION, MY FATHER'S SOLEMN FACE, MY MOTHER'S SERVILE MANNER...
I JUST COULDN'T STAND IT ALL
PHEW!
WONDER IF ANYONE SAW ME?
boohoo
boohoo
IT WAS..
THE "YOUNG LADY OF THE MAIN RESIDENCE" I WAS SEEING HER UP CLOSE FOR THE FIRST TIME

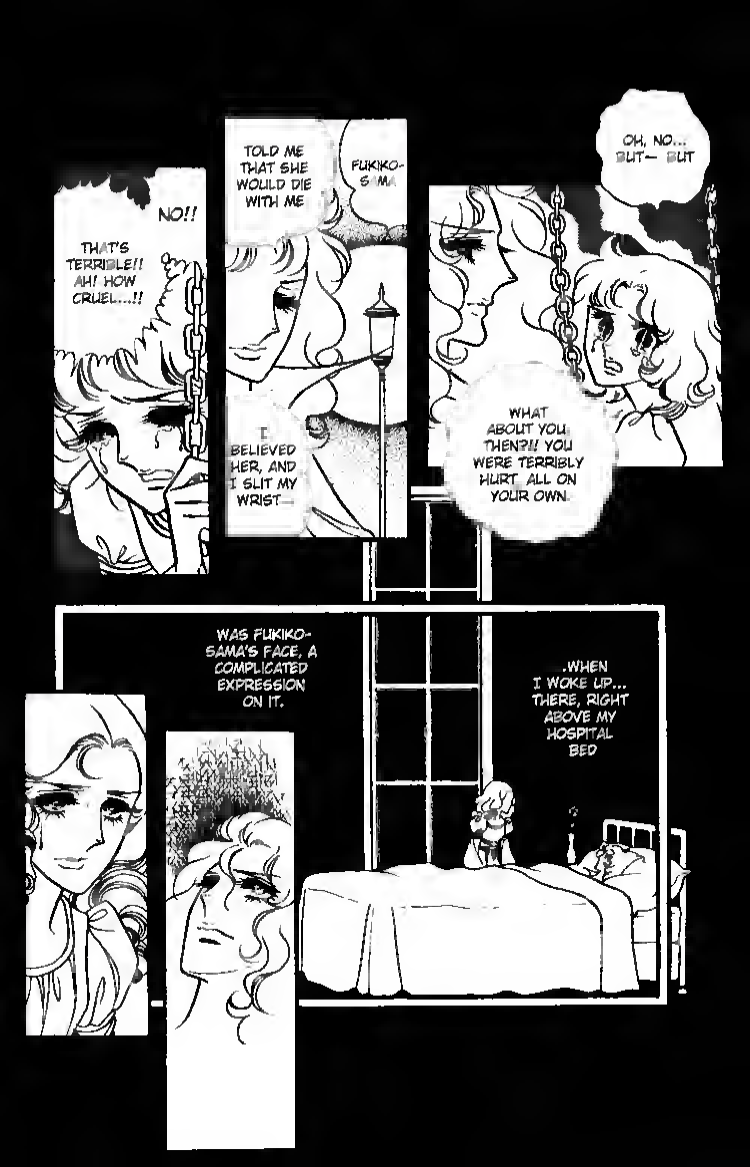
I WAS INVITED TO A FRIEND'S PARTY TODAY.
BUT LISTEN ISN'T THIS TERRIBLE?
I WAS GIVEN THE FURTHEST SEAT DOWN! ME...!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN TREATED IN SUCH A MANNER!
IT WAS SO VEXING, SO VEXING
THAT I RAN OUT PARTWAY THROUGH
U-... UM.
WHO ARE YOU?
THIS IS MY FAMILY'S GARDEN
UM
I . TODAY, I...
OH, I SEE YOU'RE RELATED TO A MEMBER OF THE HELP.
COME SIT DOWN OVER HERE.

SUCH A LITTLE THING BOTHERED HER SO MUCH THAT SHE COULDN'T STAND IT ...?
BEING GIVEN THE FURTHEST SEAT DOWN
WHERE ARE YOU, MISS?
UNDER-STAND?! DON'T TELL ANYONE. PROMISE!
MISS! MISS!
HAVE YOU RETURNED FROM THE PARTY?
NOT MY FATHER, MY MOTHER, OR MY BROTHER... KEEP IT A SECRET FROM EVERYONE
YOU... MUSTN'T SPEAK OF THIS TO ANYONE—
IT'S NOTHING I FELT ILL, SO I EXCUSED MYSELF FROM THE PARTY THAT'S ALL.
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
MY — WORD! YOU'RE ALL THE WAY OUT HERE, FUKIKO-SAMA.
WHEN I ONLY SAW THE DRIVER, I WAS WORRIED SOMETHING MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO YOU...
I THOU-GHT...

BUT SHE WAS DETERMINED NOT TO LET A SERVANT SEE HER TEARS OF HUMILIATION—SHE RAISED HER FACE UP FIRMLY AND HAUGHTILY SEALED HER LIPS...
THIS YOUNG GIRL, A MERE 11 YEARS OLD, WAS CRYING HER EYES OUT JUST MOMENTS AGO.
I WOULD PROBABLY NEVER FORGET THE WAY FUKIKO-SAMA'S PROFILE LOOKED IN THAT MOMENT...
BUT I SHIVERED WITH HAPPINESS...
HER PRIDE WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE A CHILD'S HEART TREMBLE WITH FEAR...
I THINK I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH OF A SHOCK IT WAS FOR HER
WHEN THEY TOOK ME IN AT THE MAIN RESIDENCE AFTER MY MOTHER DIED.
AND THAT'S WHY.....
IF YOU TOOK AWAY HER PRIDE, SHE MIGHT NOT HAVE ANYTHING ELSE LEFT.. I STILL THINK THAT NOW

AND... A DAUGHTER, TOO!
THE FATHER SHE'D BELIEVED IN HAD ANOTHER WOMAN BESIDES HER MOTHER.
IF YOU TAKE THAT GIRL IN... AND CALL HER MY SISTER
I'LL DIE!! I'D RATHER BE DEAD!!
NO!! ABSOLUTELY NOT!!
FUKIKO-SAMA...?!


HIS MISTRESS'S DAUGHTER!
OH... SO IT WAS YOU.
I DIDN'T THINK I SHOULD TELL HER
I THOUGHT THAT IF I TOLD HER, SHE'D BE TERRIBLY HURT... AND THAT I SHOULD NEVER, EVER TELL HER
THAT SHE WAS HIS MISTRESS'S DAUGHTER TOO.


NO!!
THAT'S TERRIBLE!! AH! HOW CRUEL...!!
TOLD ME THAT SHE WOULD DIE WITH ME
FUKIKO-SAMA
I BELIEVED HER, AND I SLIT MY WRIST—
OH, NO... BUT— BUT
WHAT ABOUT YOU, THEN?!! YOU WERE TERRIBLY HURT ALL ON YOUR OWN.
.WHEN I WOKE UP... THERE, RIGHT ABOVE MY HOSPITAL BED
WAS FUKIKO-SAMA'S FACE, A COMPLICATED EXPRESSION ON IT.

AND THAT...
THAT...
AND THAT WE COULDN'T LIVE TOGETHER, BUT SHE'D DO HER BEST TO LOVE ME AS HER LITTLE SISTER. SHE ASKED ME TO COME TRANSFER TO SEIRAN...
SHE SAID SHE WAS GIVING ME THE BRACELET AND DOLL...
LIVING ALONE, EATING FROZEN FOOD... I COULD PUT UP WITH ANYTHING.
WAS TRULY ENOUGH FOR ME.
YOU BECAME A DRUG ADDICT SO YOU COULD MANAGE TO GO ON LIVING SOME-HOW
YOU'RE LYING TO YOURSELF THAT'S WHY YOU'RE TAKING ALL OF THOSE DRUGS...!
YOU'RE... LYING TO YOURSELF

I'M GLAD I MET YOU...
...MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT...
SO...
I NEEDED YOU...
AH...H!! THOSE WORDS...
I THOUGHT THOSE WORDS WERE A BEGINNING,
NOT AN ENDING...!!

BUT OUR CLASS WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT UNANIMOUSLY CALLED FOR THE SORORITY TO BE ABOLISHED.
SHRIEK
SHRIEK
WE'VE GOTTEN SIGNATURES FROM NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF THE STUDENT BODY,
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
THAT'S IT FOR MY REPORT!
NOW THAT WE'VE FINISHED COLLECTING SIGNATURES, I BELIEVE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHOOL REGULATIONS A SESSION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL BE CALLED TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.
MAYBE SHE'S OUT TODAY, THEN. AGAIN
OH...
ST-JUST-SAMA? NO
OH! HEY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE REI IS?

ST-JUST-SAMA HAS BEEN OUT OF SCHOOL?
MM... SINCE YESTERDAY
IT'S OKAY, I'LL STOP AND CHECK IN ON HER ON MY WAY IN TOMORROW
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON TOO, RIGHT?
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
OH...
TOMOKO

THANK GOODNESS. I'M SO GLAD... TRULY...
OH... MY!
UM..
YEAH... I HEARD THE SCHOOL BOARD IS GOING TO MEET TOMORROW TO DISCUSS ABOLISHING THE SORORITY...
TRULY
RINGING
SLAM!

HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED?
NO IDEA BUT THAT IS A LITTLE STRANGE
CHATTER
CHATTER
OH?
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
OH! LOOK, IT'S THE PRINCIPAL'S CAR.
SO SOMETHING REALLY DID HAPPEN?
THINGS HAVE BEEN WEIRD SINCE THIS MORNING
CHATTER
Y-.. YES, THAT'S ME
YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL COME TO THE STAFF ROOM
EH!
MISONOO NANAKO-SAN!!

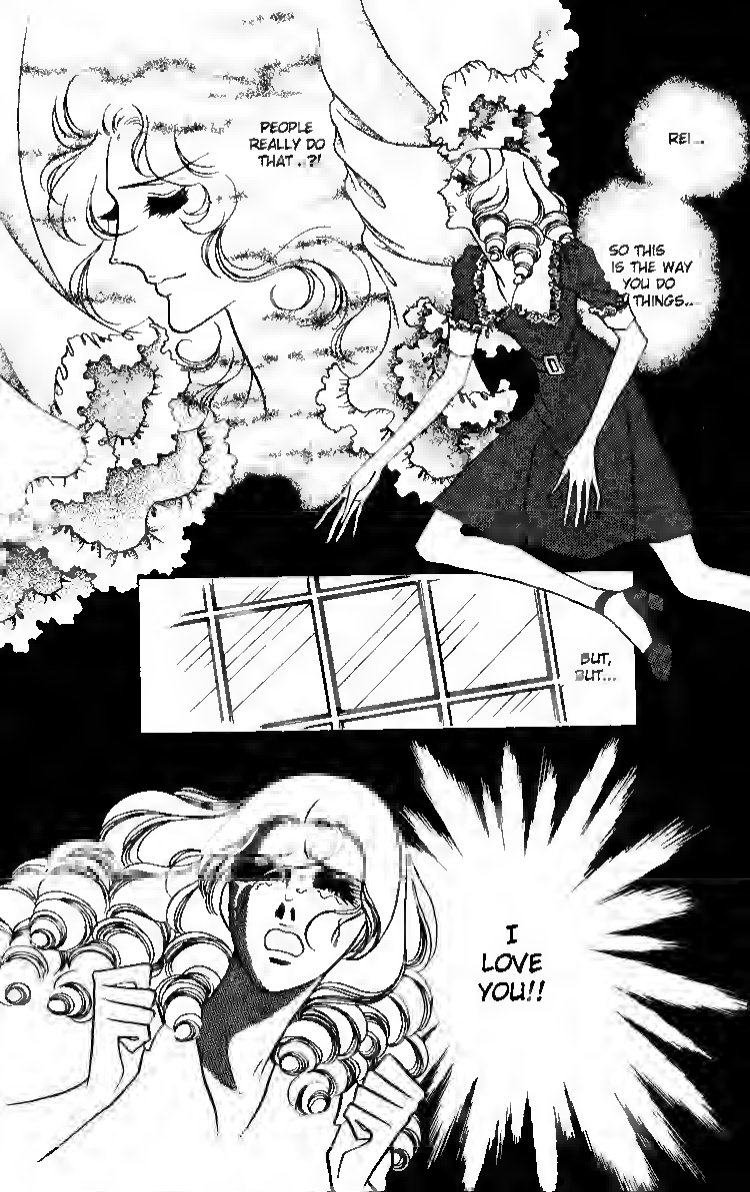
A PHONE CALL...?!
HELLO, THIS IS MISONOO.
OH! KAORU NO KIMI.
HUH?!
KILLED HERSELF...!!
ST-JUST-SAMA...
ST-JUST-SAMA... DID...?
HELLO! HELLO! CAN YOU HEAR ME?! HELLO!

HERE.
YOU DROPPED THIS.
WOULD YOU, GET IT FOR ME?

POUPÉE-CHAN WHO HIT ME
WHY...?!
WHY...?!
WHY
SHE LOOKS LIKE YOU
THAT NIGHT...
YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU NEEDED ME...
AND THAT YOU WERE GLAD THAT... YOU MET ME...

WHAT IS IT?! WHAT HAPPENED?
CHATTER
CHATTER
HEY!! I-IT'S THE POLICE!! LOOK, IT'S THE POLICE!
HUH?! WHAT ON EARTH COULD'VE HAPPENED?!
T-TAKE YOUR SEATS! THE BELL HAS ALREADY RUNG!!
SOMETHING HAPPENED.
SOMETHING BIG.
AND YET YOU DID THIS.....?!

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?! PLEASE TELL US, SENSEI!!
SIT DOWN!!
TAKE YOUR SEATS! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG!!
SOMETHING HAPPENED, RIGHT, SENSEI?!
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG!!
ST-JUST SAMA DID?!
YES I HEARD SHE OVERDOSED ON SLEEPING PILLS
OVER-DOSED?!! WHY WOULD SHE DO...
HUH?! IT WASN'T SUICIDE?! IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT?!
SHHH!


PEOPLE REALLY DO THAT..?!
REI...
SO THIS IS THE WAY YOU DO THINGS...
BUT, BUT...
I LOVE YOU!!

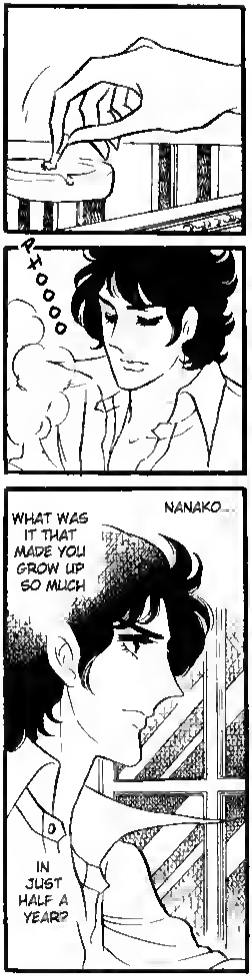
Waaaa

SHE DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME A CHANCE TO TALK TO HER. SHE WENT ALONE. ALL ALONE...
SOR-RY...
I'M SORRY I'M SORRY...
KAO-RU NO KIMI...?
I'M SORRY I CAN'T... LISTEN TO ANY OF THIS RIGHT NOW
I CAN'T SAY ANY-THING, EITHER.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, I REALLY DON'T...
I'M TOO SCARED MYSELF...
OH... I'M SO SCARED...
KAORU NO KIMI...?

SOR-RY!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I CAN GO ON LIVING ON MY OWN! I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP YOU!!
KAORU NO KIMI!!
DON'T YOU THINK YOU WENT TOO FAR?
RE!!
WITH THIS TERRIBLE LONELINESS...
YOU WENT ON AND LEFT ME ALL ALONE

YOU'RE SO COLD!!
DID YOU THINK I WAS REALLY THAT STRONG?!
DEAR ONII-SAMA,
AFTER THAT, ICHINOMIYA FUKIKO-SAMA ABOLISHED THE SORORITY HERSELF,
AND THE SCHOOL BOARD DECREED THAT THE SORORITY SHOULD DISAPPEAR FROM SEIRAN ACADEMY FOREVER.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I WAS PLUNGED INTO AN UNBELIEVABLE HUMAN WHIRLPOOL WHEN I JOINED...
PEOPLE'S LOVE AND HATRED
WOMEN'S BEAUTY, UGLINESS, AND SADNESS ..

IT WAS THE SORORITY THAT REALLY BROUGHT ALL OF THOSE HOME TO ME
YES, ESPECIALLY SADNESS—THE KIND YOU FEEL DEEP IN YOUR GUT...
I HAVE YET TO RECOVER FROM THE SADNESS OF LOSING ST-JUST FOREVER.
BEEN ABLE TO WALLOW IN THE SADNESS YET EITHER. WHY?
BUT I HAVEN'T
THE ONES WHO'VE BEEN LEFT BEHIND ARE POWER-LESS. ALL WE CAN DO IS GRIND OUR TEETH—


ONII-SAMA...
PLEASE MEET WITH ME MAY I COME VISIT YOU?
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU. I JUST WANT TO TALK...
PHOOOO
NANAKO...
WHAT WAS IT THAT MADE YOU GROW UP SO MUCH IN JUST HALF A YEAR?
NONE OF OUR LOVE COULD REACH HER!!
WE HAD NO MORE IMPACT ON HER LIFE THAN A SINGLE MIRROR DID!!

DAD...
CAN'T I TELL HER I'M HER BROTHER?
I WANT TO SPEAK WITH HER AS HER BROTHER NOW. I WANT THAT SO BADLY RIGHT NOW.
TAP...
K-CHK
!!
OO

KA-..
KAO-..RU.....
FORGIVE ME FOR COMING TO SEE YOUR FACE JUST THIS ONCE
I'M SOR-RY..
I... DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THE STRENGTH TO GO ON LIVING ON MY OWN NOW...
KAO-RU...
AFTER THE WAY I DUMPED YOU, I SHOULDN'T—
SOR-RY...

I'M FINE. THANKS! I CAN GO ON LIVING
IT'S JUST THIS ONCE. YES! I'M FINE NOW

WAIT, KAORU!!
SORRY I CAME TO SEE YOU!!
IT'S ALL RIGHT!! I DON'T NEED RE!—I'M FINE.

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Chapter 15

ONII-SAMA ...?!
KAORU NO KIMI AND...
ONII-SAMA .....

I THOUGHT
I DIDN'T DELIBERATELY MEAN TO HIDE IT FROM YOU
THAT THINGS WERE OVER BETWEEN ME AND HIM...
BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT HOW ALL THESE PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE CONCENTRATED IN THAT ONE GLIMPSE, IT'S ODD...
HEY... WHEN YOU LOOK DOWN FROM THIS CLOCK TOWER, IT LOOKS LIKE A WHOLE DIFFERENT WORLD BELOW, EVERYONE WRIGGLING AROUND...

BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH...
REI AND I FIRST MET
SHE WAS THE STRANGE TRANSFER STUDENT...
I WONDER WHAT REI WAS THINKING WHEN SHE LOOKED DOWN AT THE WORLD BELOW..
SHE ALWAYS WORE THIS ENGRAVED BRACELET ON HER RIGHT ARM.
AND SHE LOOKED LIKE SHE HAD NO INTEREST IN THE REAL WORLD
SHE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE A FLESH-AND-BLOOD PERSON, AND I WAS FIERCELY DRAWN TO HER BECAUSE OF THAT.
I COULDN'T HELP BUT WONDER ABOUT WHAT HER EYES HAD SEEN, WHAT HER SOUL HAD PASSED THROUGH...

*note Shi is a formal, respectful suffix

NOW I REALIZE IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE WORLD OF THE DEAD...
ULTIMATELY, DEATH WAS ALL SHE REALLY SAW...
SOMETIMES REI'S BROTHER, ICHINOMIYA TAKASHI-SHI*, CAME BY HER PLACE TO CHECK ON HER.
THAT WAS HOW... I FIRST MET HIS GOOD FRIEND TAKE-HIKO-SAN.
IT WAS INSTANTLY CLEAR TO ME THAT SHE WAS SPEAKING OF THE MOMENT WHEN SHE FIRST FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM.
AH! KAORU NO KIMI GLOWED SO SWEETLY!!
THAT WAS HOW.. I FIRST MET HIM

YOU'RE ASKING... WHY I BROKE UP WITH HIM...?
S T A R T !
Y-... YOU LOVED HIM, DIDN'T YOU...?
SO WHY... WHY...
THAT'S MY ANSWER.
...BECAUSE I LOVED HIM.
I... DON'T UNDER-STAND...

TO ME, LOVE MEANS.....
MORE THAN YOUR OWN LIFE...
HOLDING THE OTHER PERSON'S LIFE MORE PRECIOUS THAN YOUR OWN...
BUT...!!
THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD LOVE HIM...
THE ONLY WAY I COULD EXPRESS MY LOVE FOR HIM...
HOW COULD YOU NOT BE WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE...?
THEN .. IT MAKES EVEN LESS SENSE...

COULD HAVE LIVED, IF SHE'D TRIED. BUT ALL SHE EVER WANTED TO SEE WAS DEATH.
REI...
THAT'S WHY I C..N'T FOR-GIVE HER!
REI KNEW HOW I WAS SUFFERING, AND SHE WENT ON WITHOUT ME ANYWAY. I CAN'T FORGIVE HER FOR THAT...
AND I
WANT TO KEEP MY EYES FIXED ON LIFE, EVEN WHEN I'M FACED WITH DEATH...
KAORU NO KIMI?!

LOOK!
WHIP
Eee...
eek..
AH..
HER BREAST...

HER BREAST IS... GONE...!!
THEY HAD TO REMOVE IT... THAT'S WHY I'M A YEAR BEHIND IN SCHOOL.
IT'S BREAST CANCER.....
AH... H...
IF IT DOES... IF IT COMES BACK...
BUT
IF IT DOESN'T REOCCUR IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS... I'M SAFE.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY
THAT'S IT FOR ME...
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY
IN THE FACE OF THE UNFATHOMABLE LONELINESS AND SUFFERING FROZEN AND SUBLIMATED INTO KAORU NO KIMI'S QUIET PROFILE!!

OH, BUT...!! BUT ONII-SAMA,
SHE NEEDS YOUR LOVE NOW, MORE THAN EVER!!
FIVE YEARS, HUH...?
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I CONSIDER IT, THAT'S A TERRIBLY LONG TIME..
BUT...
THE WEIGHT OF AN INSTANT—HOW MUCH WE CHERISH EACH MOMENT—THAT'S NO DIFFERENT FOR ME THAN IT IS FOR YOU!

I'M SCARED ...SO SCARED...!!
NO..
I'M.. STILL SCARED..
AND I WANT SOMEONE TO CLING TO.
I'M SORRY...
WHY ARE YOU CRYING ?
I'M SORRY...
I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SHOW THIS TO ANYONE AND YET YOU...
AREN'T RELATED BY BLOOD, BUT YOU'RE STILL HIS SISTER SO I WAS ABLE TO SHARE THIS WITH YOU.
YOU AND TAKEHIKO-SAN...

HUH?!
MISONOO TAKEHIKO.
MISONOO TAKEHIKO.

PAPA...?!
MAMA...?!
HE WAS MY BROTHER...!!

I'M SURE YOU'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THIS BY NOW, NANAKO...
THERE WAS A LITTLE RESTAURANT... RIGHT NEXT TO R UNIVERSITY I USED TO GO THERE AFTER MY LECTURES, TO HAVE SOME DRINKS WITH STUDENTS AND COLLEAGUES
Saké-shop
YES... IT'S A COMMON SIGHT LATELY—
HE COMES IN ALONE, AND DRINKS HEAVILY...
OH, DEAR PROFESSOR MISONOO'S AT IT AGAIN?
MM.....
OH! SO HE AND HIS WIFE...
WELL... I CAN SEE WHERE HE'S COMING FROM
WHO'D WANT TO GO HOME WHEN THINGS WERE GOING BAD WITH HIS OLD LADY?

NANAKO NANAKO
OKAY
HERE, TAKE THIS WATER TO THAT MAN OVER THERE
TAP!
MISTER
DWINK DIS WATER AN' CHEER UP!
I STILL REMEMBER IT CLEARLY--
YOUR ANGELIC BLACK EYES,
YOUR TINY LITTLE HANDS THAT HELD ON TO THE CUP AS TIGHTLY AS THEY COULD
MY WIFE... HAD JUST LEFT ME FOR HER LOVER
AND TAKEN OUR ALMOST-TEN-YEAR-OLD SON ALONG WITH HER...

AFTER SHE WAS CAST ASIDE BY A MAN SHE'D LIVED WITH FOR YEARS...
A YEAR LATER, I MARRIED YOUR MOTHER, WHO HAD BEEN WORKING AS A WAITRESS IN THE RESTAURANT
ONII-SA-... MA...!!

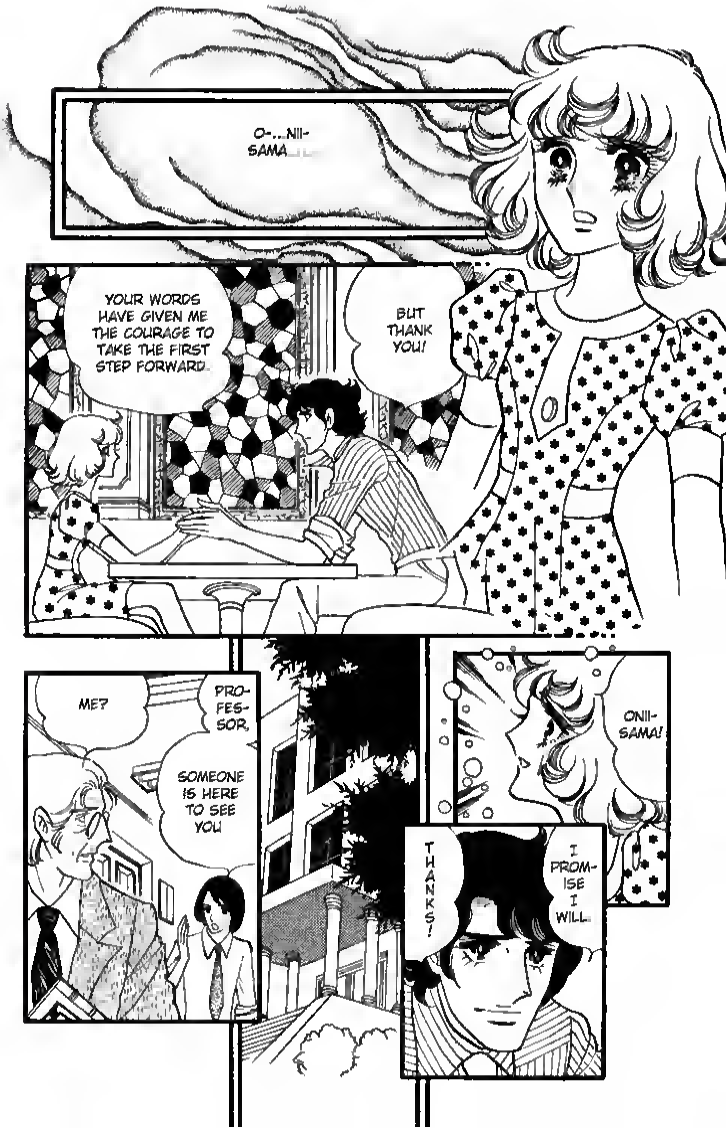
O-, NII-SAMA...
..YOU'VE GROWN, NANAKO..
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
..ND YOU SAW A BOY OVER THE HEDGE...
IT WAS LONG AGO. YOU WERE PLAYING IN THE DIRT,

SO YOU KNEW RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING...
YOU KNEW EVERYTHING... AND YOU
I MISSED MY FATHER... AND MY HOME...
SO I SNUCK OUT TO THAT HOUSE, TWICE..
TH-... AN-...
THA-... NK YOU...
I'M SO GLAD I HAVE A BROTHER.
I'M SO GLAD NOW...
AH, SO YOU REALLY WERE MY BROTHER YOU REALLY WERE..

IF THERE'S A WOMAN YOU LOVE...
THEN PLEASE MAKE HER HAPPY, EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO CARRY HER OFF TO DO IT.
SILLY GOOSE
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT.
SHE DIDN'T...
BUT PLEASE DON'T BLAME MY MOTHER.
ONII-SAMA,
WILL YOU THINK OF ME AS YOUR SISTER, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT RELATED BY BLOOD?
OF COURSE
HEH!
THEN
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU, AS YOUR SISTER!

BECAUSE, BECAUSE
KAORU NO KIMI NEEDS YOU...!!
SHE NEEDS YOUR LOVE RIGHT NOW!!
KAORU NO KIMI...
IS SCARED... SO TERRIBLY SCARED.....
BUT SHE'S CHOSEN TO TRY AND FACE IT ALONE.....
DON'T WALK AWAY FROM A LOVE SO GREAT.....
SO... PLEA-SE...
THAT'S HOW MUCH SHE LOVES YOU..

PL-...EA-
-SE...
HUH?!
DO I LOOK LIKE SUCH A COWARDLY FOOL
NANA-KO,
THAT I WOULD LET GO OF HER WITH-OUT A WORD?
THAT I COULDN'T HANDLE HER COOL, CLEAR APPROACH TO LIFE...?
THAT I COULDN'T CARRY EVEN HALF THE BURDEN OF HER SUFFERING...
DO I LOOK LIKE SUCH A LOSER


O-...NII-SAMA...!!
YOUR WORDS HAVE GIVEN ME THE COURAGE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP FORWARD...
BUT THANK YOU!
ONII-SAMA!
I PROM-ISE I WILL...
THANKS!
PRO-FES-SOR,
SOMEONE IS HERE TO SEE YOU
ME?

I SENT HIM THROUGH TO YOUR OFFICE
HE SAYS HE'S HENMI TAKEHIKO, FROM T UNIVERSITY.
HENMI...!!

PROFESSOR MISONOO
HENM!
TAKEHIKO-KUN, HM.....?
I'VE COME BECAUSE I HAVE A PERSONAL REQUEST TO MAKE OF YOU.
YES
...I'M PLANNING TO TAKE AN EXAM TO STUDY ABROAD IN GERMANY.
I WAS HOPING YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO ACT AS A REFERENCE FOR ME AND WRITE ME A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.....
GERMANY.....!
I SEE.....
I SEE.....
HAVE A SEAT SHOULD THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION BE IN GERMAN?
HOW MANY COPIES DO YOU NEED?
YES TWO

IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO LIVE ALONE ABROAD
I... SEE SO, YOU'RE GOING TO GERMANY...
MY WIFE... WILL BE THERE WITH ME.
YOU....
GOT MARRIED...?!
NOT YET, BUT I'M PLANNING TO...
I'LL BE BRINGING HER ALONG.
WELL, I'LL HAVE MY ASSISTANT CONTACT YOU WHEN IT'S DONE
...MM HMM
PLEASE DO! THANK YOU, PROFESSOR MISONOO.

I'M GRATE-FUL... FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR NANAKO——.
TAKEHIKO
Y-... YES. !
GOOD LUCK
IF YOU EVER NEED ANYTHING, DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME
F-
PLEASE EXCUSE ME,
FA
THER
O!

CHOOSE TO FOLLOW IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS...?
WHEN DID HE
MY SON..
MY SON, A SCHOLAR.
MY SON...
FATHER
FATHER...!!

DEAR ONII-SAMA,
FALL HAS COME LIKE QUIET FOOT-STEPS, THOUGH THE HARSHNESS OF SUMMER STILL LINGERS.
HER SUSPENSION IS FINALLY OVER. SHINOBU MARIKO-SAN IS COMING BACK TO OUR CLASS.
AND SHE'S COMING BACK——!
MARIKO-SAAAN!
Pant Pant
MORNING, MARIKO-SAN!
MARI-...
SHE CAME THIS FAR, BUT NOW SHE'S GOING ON ABOUT HOW SHE CAN'T MAKE IT THROUGH THE GATE.
SHE'S HOPE-LESS.

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Give me a break...
.. AND YET YOU'RE STILL CLINGING TO MY BACK.
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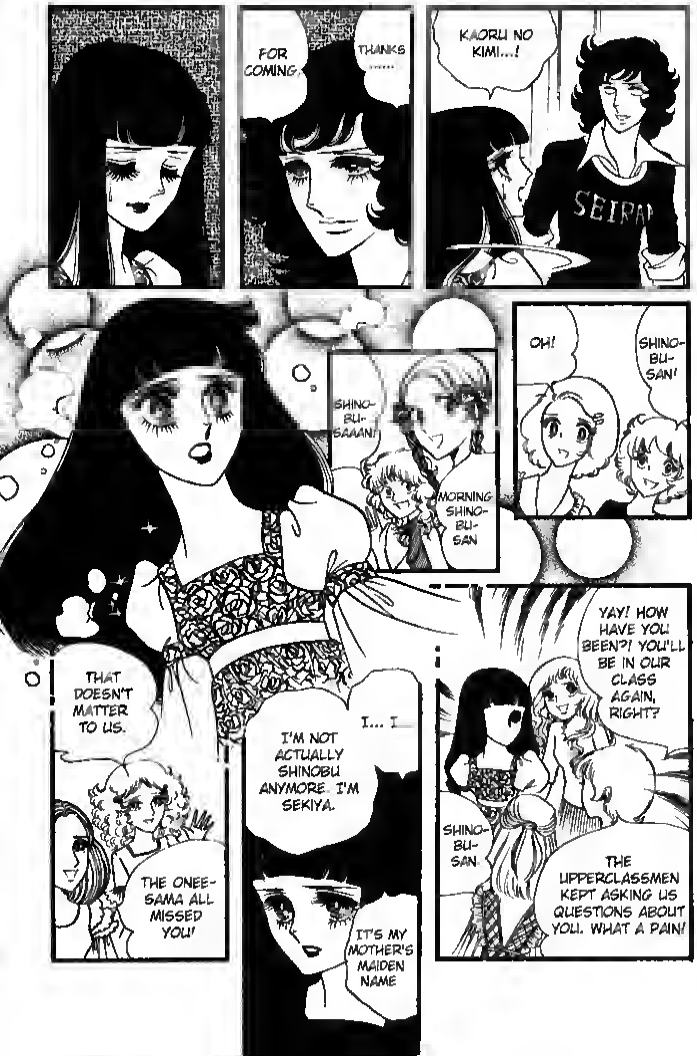
THERE'S NO LIMIT TO THE SELFISH THINGS YOU CAN SAY, IS THERE?!
NOT LIKE YOU UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL ANYWAY!!
Hmph!
GO ON, WHILE THERE'S STILL AT LEAST ONE CLASSMATE WHO'LL WELCOME YOU BACK.
NO!! NO, NO, NO!!
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO EASE YOUR PAIN, AND IT'S TEARING ME UP INSIDE, BUT I'M STILL STANDING HERE SO...
GO ON. I'M STILL STANDING HERE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THE BELL'S ABOUT TO RING

MIYA-SAMA!!
I'M PLEASED TO HAVE FOUND AN UNEXPECTED WEAKNESS OF YOURS
HEY, FUKIKO. NICE TIMING
MIYA-SAMA
HOLD YOUR HEAD UP HIGH. YOUR PERIOD OF SUSPENSION IS OVER.
COME, SHINOBU-SAN.

SHE'S AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER...!!
AND AS PROUD AS THE DAY I FIRST SAW HER
IT'S AS THOUGH IN HER OWN WAY, HER TRANSCENDENT MELANCHOLY HAS ONLY DEEPENED HER BEAUTY...
WELL, THEN
PLEASE ESCORT HER TO YOUR CLASSROOM, NANAKO-SAN
Y-.. YES!
はぁぁ...
NOT MANY CAN GIVE MY BROTHER A HARD TIME, BUT IT'S NO WONDER YOU CAN, MARIKO-SAN

THE ONLY ONE SAINT-JUST-SAMA LOVED...
THE ONE SAINT-JUST-SAMA LOVED
THE WORLD I COULDN'T MANAGE TO ENTER.....
LOVED ENOUGH TO DIE FOR, WHEN MY FEELINGS AND KAORU NO KIMI'S FRIENDSHIP COULDN'T REACH HER...
YOU'RE HERE.
HEY!


KAORU NO KIMI...!
SEIRA
THANKS .....
FOR COMING.
OH!
SHINO-BU-SAN!
SHINO-BU-SAAAN!
MORNING SHINO-BU-SAN
YAY! HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?! YOU'LL BE IN OUR CLASS AGAIN, RIGHT?
SHINO-BU-SAN
THE UPPERCLASSMEN KEPT ASKING US QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU. WHAT A PAIN!
I... I
I'M NOT ACTUALLY SHINOBU ANYMORE. I'M SEKIYA.
IT'S MY MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO US.
THE ONEE-SAMA ALL MISSED YOU!

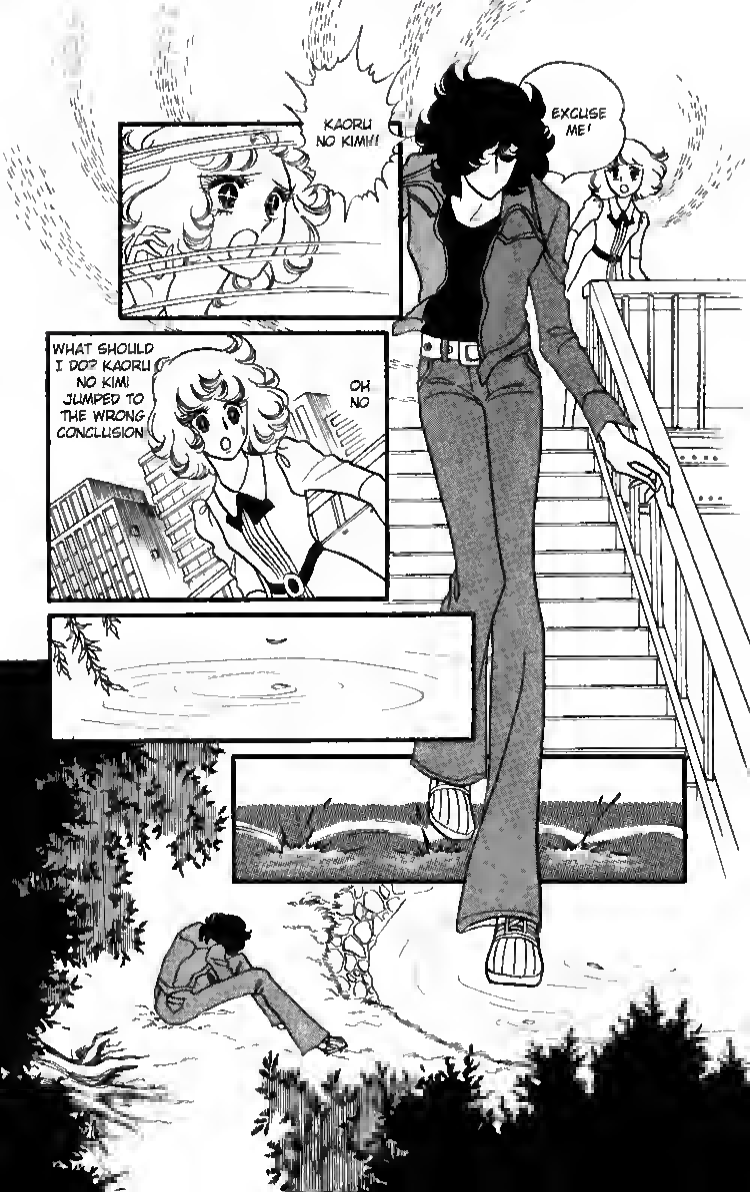
THAT HAPPY DAYDREAM MAKES MY HEART SWELL WITH JOY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A VERY LONG WHILE.
SHE'LL PROBABLY BE ICHINOMIYA MARIKO...
. BUT SOON...
YES... IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE,
OH, IT'S ONLY ONE GRADUATE LECTURE...
AND ONE UNDER-GRADUATE LECTURE.
THEY MADE IT OFFICIAL TODAY—HE'LL BE A GUEST PROFESSOR THERE STARTING NEXT SPRING...
WHAT?! PAPA'S... GOING TO TEACH AT T H?!
YOU'LL BE... TEACHING ONII-SAMA, WON'T YOU...?
THEN... THEN...

!!
IT'S A NEAR CERTAINTY THAT TAKEHIKO IS GOING TO STUDY ABROAD IN GERMANY
WELL... PROBABLY ONLY FOR A SHORT WHILE.
SO...
YOU CAME TO TALK TO ME ABOUT IT DIRECTLY, WITH THAT FIERCE LOOK ON YOUR FACE?
PUFF
PUFF
MARRIED MEN GET A STIPEND TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES, EVEN WHILE STUDYING ABROAD.
NANA-KO,

KAORU NO KIMI IS...
OUR KAORU NO KIMI IS.....
YES ...
THEN...
I'M TAKING HER WITH ME. I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HER HERE ALL ALONE UNTIL I GET BACK.
HEY, HEY, HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE'RE NOT JUST PLAYING CATCH HERE!!
WOW!
WHAAAT? WE'RE PRACTICING FOR NEXT YEAR ALREADY, CAPTAIN?
OF COURSE WE ARE! I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU MAKE A MESS OF THINGS NEXT YEAR TOO!
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE IT PAST REGIONALS NEXT YEAR OR NOT?!
WHAT'S WITH THAT TERRIBLE DRIBBLING? YOU NEED TO PUT YOUR HIPS INTO IT, YOUR HIPS!!

WHAT?!
I HAVE SOMEBODY WAITING FOR ME, SO I'M LEAVING NOW.
ONCE YOU FINISH UP HERE, I WANT YOU TO DO TWO LAPS OF RABBIT HOPS AROUND THE COURTYARD. THAT'S IT FOR TODAY.
THAT'S NOT FAIR, YOU...!
OH!
SORRY I KEPT YOU WAITING.
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
SO...
OH... OH! NO, THAT'S NOT WHY I...
HUH?
OH, COME ON! I WASN'T THAT LATE

KAORU NO KIMI,
ONII-SAMA HAS DECIDED TO STUDY ABROAD IN GERMANY STARTING NEXT FALL.
AND
HE SAID HE'S GOING TO TAKE HIS WIFE WITH HIM SO..
GERMANY..
I... I SEE...
SO HE'S GOING AWAY...
I THINK... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING IT, BUT STILL... I... SEE...
SO TODAY, HE'S GOING TO...
KAORU NO KIMI ...?


KAORU NO KIMI!!
EXCUSE ME!
WHAT SHOULD I DO? KAORU NO KIMI JUMPED TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION
OH NO

I SHOULD BE HAPPY FOR HIM...
THIS... IS A GOOD THING... I SHOULD BE HAPPY FOR HIM...
たんたん
OH, BUT...!!
DO
DO
DO

I JUST MET WITH YOUR PARENTS...
I NEED AN OFFICIAL COPY OF MY FAMILY REGISTER.
SO WE NEED TO SEND IN OUR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

YOU THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE I'D TAKE WITH ME?
HEH...! THIS IS A SURPRISE.
THE... WIFE YOU'RE TAKING WITH YOU IS...
THEN...
AH...
I...
I CAN'T!

KAORU...
YOU MUST BE JOKING. I'M NOT ABOUT TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL!
ME...?! GO TO A GERMAN SCHOOL?!
FREE OF CHARGE, OF COURSE. A, B, C, D..
YOU'LL HAVE AN EXCELLENT GERMAN TEACHER WITH YOU.
THEY HAVE HIGH SCHOOLS OVER THERE TOO.
STOP TRYING TO AVOID THE REAL ISSUE!! I DECIDE HOW I LIVE MY LIFE. I'M NOT GOING TO FOLLOW A PATH THAT'S BEEN FORCED ON ME BY SOMEONE ELSE!!
EVEN IF THAT PATH IS WITH ME?!
EVEN IF THAT PATH IS WITH ME...?!

I WAS GLAD ..... WHEN I FOUND OUT...
I WAS GLAD.
TH-.. THAT YOU WEREN'T TAKING SOMEONE ELSE AFTER ALL.....
BUT STILL... AH!
ANYWAY, YOU ALREADY KNOW HOW I FEEL...
HOW MUCH MORE ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE ME SAY...?
I COULDN'T TELL YOU THAT..
DON'T... TORMENT ME...

WHO...
WOULD EVER WANT TO TORMENT HIS BELOVED ...?
IS THIS HOW YOU LOVE?
NEVER SHARING YOUR PAIN WITH YOUR BELOVED,
NEVER LETTING HIM REACH OUT A HAND TO YOU...
ARE YOU DOING THIS FOR MY SAKE?
WELL, I DON'T WANT TO BE LOVED LIKE THAT!!
THEN...!!
BUT. BUT...
I'LL ONLY BRING YOU FEAR AND SORROW...!!
I DON'T CARE!! IF IT MEANS THAT YOU CAN BE HAPPY, EVEN FOR JUST A SHORT WHILE, THEN THAT'S FINE!!
NO! YOU'RE TELLING ME TO DUMP MY PAIN ON SOMEBODY ELSE?!

IT'S ALL RIGHT IT'S ALL RIGHT...
THERE'S ONE PERSON IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO DEPEND ON LIKE THAT.
WHO COULD BLAME YOU FOR SHOWING WEAKNESS BEFORE THE ONE YOU LOVE?
KAORU... PLEASE LOVE YOURSELF BEFORE ALL OTHERS. PLEASE CHERISH YOUR OWN LIFE...
IF YOU LOVE ME... THEN PLEASE DEVOTE YOURSELF COMPLETELY TO YOUR OWN HAPPINESS.
AH... IF YOU DO THAT, I... I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING...
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU UNTIL THE VERY END, KAORU...

I'M SCARED... I'M SCARED, SO SCARED!! I'M SCARED OF WAITING FOR DEATH ALL ON MY OWN!!
KAORU...
I CAN'T GO ON ALONE!

YOU'LL BE SPEAKING GERMAN BEFORE YOU KNOW IT. I'LL TUTOR YOU NONSTOP.
LET'S GO TOGETHER. I'M SURE YOU'LL LIKE GERMANY.
YES... YES...
YES... YES...
LET'S GO TOGETHER... LET'S DO IT...
YES... YES...
International
KAORU NO KIMI.

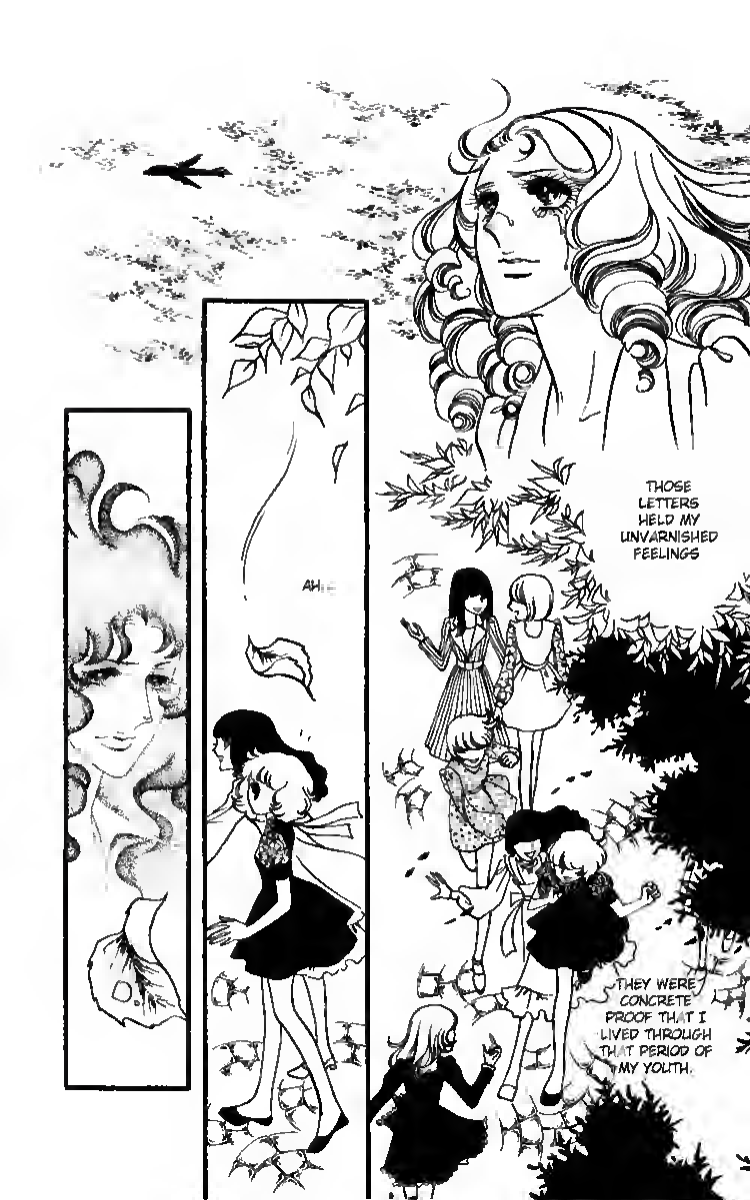
GUYS!!
OVER HERE, KAORU NO KIM! WE GOT HERE LATE
WOW, KAORU NO KIM!!
THAT DAY, THE 18-YEAR-OLD BRIDE SPARKLED LIKE NONE OTHER
A HINT OF ROUGE GRACED HER LIPS, AND HER CHEEKS WERE FLUSHED
SHE WAS BRIMMING WITH LIFE. AS LONG AS I LIVE, I DOUBT I'LL EVER FIND THE WORDS TO DESCRIBE HER BEAUTY!!

THANKS ——..!
KAORU NO KIMI... PLEASE FIND HAPPINESS
I WISH YOU INCREDIBLE JOY——.
HER GAZE WAS DEEPLY PEACEFUL...
IT WAS A GENTLE GAZE, FIXED FIRMLY ON LIFE AMIDST THE SUFFERING AND DEATH
OH——
ANNOUNCEMENT: JAL FLIGHT 575 TO PARIS VIA MOSCOW, DEPARTING AT 11:32 WILL NOW BEGIN BOARDING——.

WELL, THAT'S US, NANAKO!
STAY WELL, ONII-SAMA.
I'LL WRITE YOU TAKE CARE
THANK YOU, NANAKO TRULY!
FOR A MOMENT
THE NOSTALGIC FRAGRANCE OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD NEVER RETURN DRIFTED THROUGH THE AIR.

THAT MADE ME THINK SHE SMELLED LIKE A MAN
PERHAPS IT WAS THE SMELL OF TOBACCO THAT CLUNG TO HER
FOR ME, THAT SMELL WILL ALWAYS BE A LINGERING TRACE OF SOMEONE LONG DEPARTED. IT WILL ALWAYS MAKE ME THINK OF HER...
TAKE CARE STAY WELL!
GOOD-BYE!
WE'RE GOING NOW. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TO SEE US OFF.
YOU'D BETTER COME BACK SOMEDAY, KAORU NO KIMI!
GOODBYE, TAKE CARE!

"THE WEIGHT OF AN INSTANT—HOW MUCH WE CHERISH EACH MOMENT—THAT'S NO DIFFERENT FOR ME THAN IT IS FOR YOU!"
FLEW WITH HIM THAT DAY, ACROSS THE SKIES, ACROSS THE SEA.
MY MANY LETTERS TO ONII-SAMA


THOSE LETTERS HELD MY UNVARNISHED FEELINGS
AH
THEY WERE CONCRETE PROOF THAT I LIVED THROUGH THAT PERIOD OF MY YOUTH.

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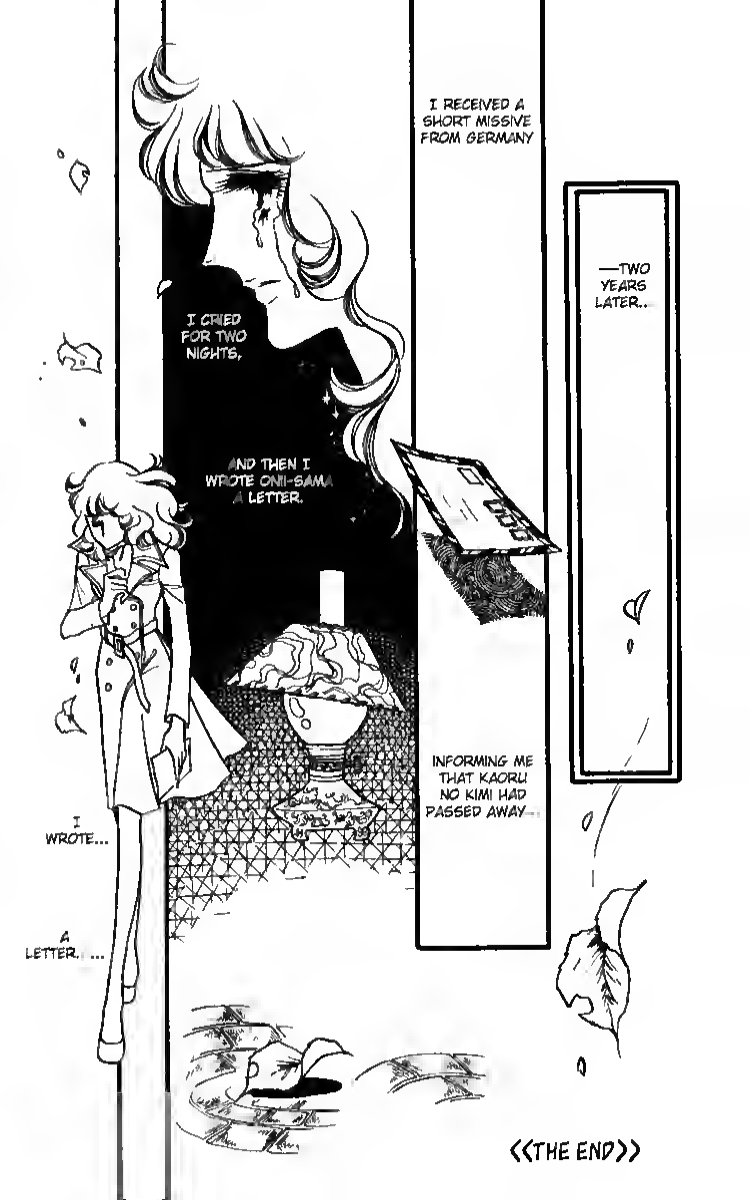
I RECEIVED A SHORT MISSIVE FROM GERMANY
—TWO YEARS LATER..
I CRIED FOR TWO NIGHTS,
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INFORMING ME THAT KAORU NO KIMI HAD PASSED AWAY...
I WROTE...
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